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Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The attached documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above.

REMARKS

All of the presently submitted foreign references, i.e., Cite Nos. F1, F2, and O1 as listed under "Foreign Patent Documents" and "Non Patent Documents" on Form PTO/SB/08, are not in English.

The U.S. patent—Cite No. U1 on PTO/SB/08—and Cite No. F1 are were cited as primary references in a communication from the Chinese Patent Office in a counterpart Chinese application. Cite Nos. F2 and O1, meanwhile, were cited secondarily in the substantive text of the Chinese Patent Office communication.

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

As a concise explanation of the relevance of the presently submitted Japanese and Chinese-language references, Cite Nos. F1, F2 and O1, an English translation of the Chinese Patent Office communication in its entirety is submitted herewith. (A copy of the Chinese Patent Office communication in its entirety follows the English translation.)

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, and to indicate so on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08 and make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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